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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
Medical Officer of Health  
For the District of Hinderwell  
For the year 1925.

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TO THE CHAIRMAN & MEMBERS OF THE  
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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Gentlemen,

This Report is somewhat more bulky than usual. This is due to the fact that the Ministry are asking for a Survey Report.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN B. LAVERICK.

## GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (Acres) .....	1,365
Population (1925) .....	Approx. 2,539
Number of Inhabited Houses (1925) .....	Approx. 600
Number of Families or Separate Occupiers for 1925 .....	Approx. 600
Rateable Value .....	£7,844
Actual Assessable Value .....	£5,792
Sum represented by a penny rate .....	£23

## VITAL STATISTICS.

During the year, 37 deaths have occurred in the District, making the death-rate 10.45 per 1,000 per annum. Three of these were under one year old.

Forty-one births were registered during the year—15 males and 26 females—the birth-rate being 16.1 per 1,000. Six of these were illegitimate.

Three deaths under one year of age is at the rate of 70 per 1,000 births.

## CAUSES OF DEATH DURING THE YEAR 1925.

Diphtheria .....	1
Cancer malignant disease .....	3
Tuberculous .....	4
Diabetes .....	2
Cerebral Hæmorrhage .....	3
Heart disease .....	3
Arterio-sclerosis .....	1
Bronchitis .....	2
Acute nephritis .....	1
Other diseases .....	1
Congenital debility .....	2
Deaths from violence .....	1
Other defined diseases .....	13
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## NATURAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

This is a hilly country, with a heavy clay subsoil intermixed with some sandstone.

The amount of Poor Law Relief is very large at present, owing to acute poverty caused by the long closure of the main local ironstone mine and the shorter closure of the minor mine.

Our only other occupation is agriculture, and, of course, all so employed are in a healthy condition.

## GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICE.

The Council have no hospital accommodation. As you know, several attempts have been made to join neighbouring bodies, but without success.

The Public Health Officers are one Medical Officer of Health and one Sanitary Inspector, both part-time officials.

No Nursing is provided.

There are no midwives resident in the District.

## DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

This matter has been so fully dealt with recently that I feel I need add nothing more at present.

## WATER SUPPLY.

Our supply is good, both in quantity and quality. The difficulty of supplying Port Mulgrave, of course, remains. The small difference in levels between the reservoir and Port Mulgrave will always cause trouble.

## CLOSET AND PRIVY ACCOMMODATION.

This is, from a health point of view, our greatest weakness.

At both Staithes and Runswick, the number of closets is totally inadequate. This causes the formation of bad habits and consequently ill-health.

Many more should be erected, but, owing to the crowded houses, it is difficult to find suitable sites.

**HOUSING.****Number of New Houses erected during the year :—**

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| (a) Total .....                               | 2 |
| (b) As part of Municipal Housing Scheme ..... | 0 |

**1.—Unfit Dwelling Houses—Inspection.**

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| 1. Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Health or Housing Acts) .....   | 34 |
| 2. Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation .....                                       | 34 |
| 3. Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ..... | 4  |

**2.—Remedy of Defects without Service of Formal Notice.**

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| Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers ..... | 3 |
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**3.—(A) Action under Statutory Powers.**

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| 1. Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs .....   | 1 |
| 2. Number of summons taken under Sec. 91 Public Health Act, 1875 ...   | 1 |
| 3. Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit :—  |   |
| (a) By owners .....  | 1 |
| (b) By Local Authority in default of owners .....  | 0 |
| 3. Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declaration by owners of intention to close | 0 |



**B.—Proceedings under Public Health Acts.**

1.	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied .....	1
2.	Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied—	
	(a) By owners .....	1
	(b) By Local Authority in default of owners .....	0

**C.—Proceedings under Sections II. to 18 of the Housing Act, 1925.**

1.	Number of representations made with a view to the making of Closing Orders .....	6
2.	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made .....	6
3.	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined the dwelling-houses having been rendered fit .....	0
4.	Number of dwelling-houses now vacated by Order under Section II, Sub-Section 3 .....	5
5.	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made .....	0
6.	Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	0

**Common Lodging-Houses Registered in District**  
and Inspections made ..... 0

**Water Closets :—**

Constructed—replacing pails .....	6
replacing privies .....	0
additional .....	2

**Water Supply :—**

Number of houses provided with individual supplies during current year .....	7
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**Infectious Diseases :—**

Reported .....	0
Disinfections .....	0

**Workshops :—**

Number ... ..	1
Inspections made .....	4

**Factories :—**

Number .....	0
Inspections made .....	0

**Canal Boats Registered :—**

Inspections .....	0
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**Offensive Trades :—**

Inspections made .....	0
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**Smoke Abatements :—**

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**Slaughter Houses :—**

Number registered .....	1
Number licensed .....	4
Inspections made .....	Periodically
Orders made .....	0

**Meat Inspections :—**

Number of carcasses examined .....	129
Number of carcasses condemned .....	0
Number of organs condemned .....	5
Quality of Meat inspected .....	Good
Sale of Horseflesh .....	0

**Dairies, Milkshops, and Cowsheds :—**

Number of Dairies registered .....	22
Number of Inspections made .....	22
Orders made .....	0
Milk sold under Designations Order, 1922	0
Quality of Milk sold .....	Good

**Sales of Food and Drugs Acts :—**

Number of cases dealt with .....	0
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**INFECTIOUS DISEASES.**

The District has been free from infectious diseases except for three cases of diphtheria.

Three cases of tuberculosis have been notified during the year.

